

# *Trinity Tidings*

**September 2017**

**Trinity Church is a fellowship seeking to share the love and word of Jesus Christ  
with all.**



**2 CORINTHIANS 13:11**

**Rally Weekend ~ September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Confirmation Class Begins**

**ESL & SSL Classes**

**Sea & the Soul Women's Retreat**

**Fall Small Groups**

**KidVenture & Student Ministries**

## From the Pastor

### Building Bridges

Jesus was a bridge builder.

He sought to build bridges between people and God, between people and people, and between God and the whole world.

That's why Trinity will emphasize this theme in the coming year, as we focus on the fact that we're building bridges to God, to Jesus, to the community, to the world and to each other.

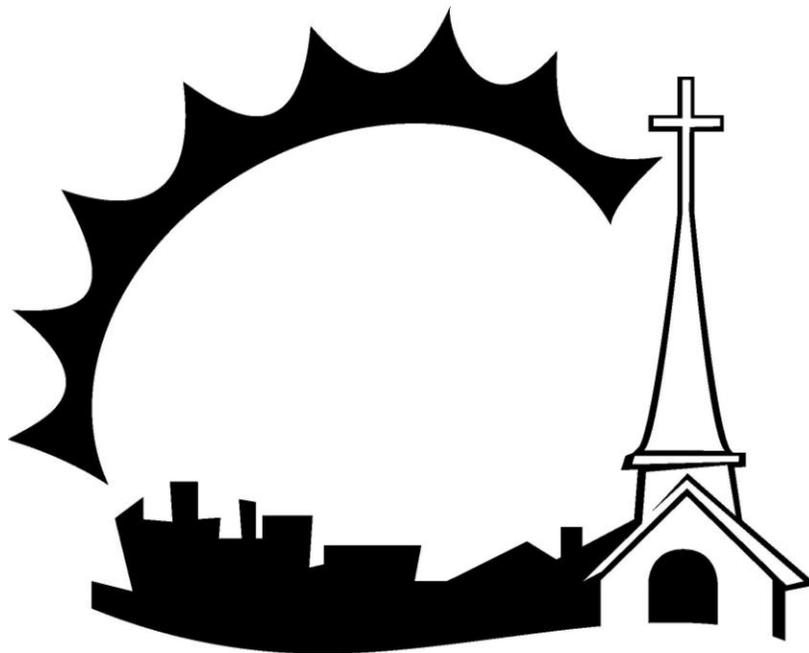
You'll see various representations of this theme around the church in the coming year, and we'll be offering a fall small group on the topic, led by some of the clergy.

And don't be surprised if you see a bridge or two. Yes, a real bridge on our property.

Let's do what Jesus did — let's build bridges!

Together in Christ's service,

***Frank***



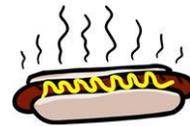
# Rally Weekend: September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

## Everyone Back to Church!

Start the new ministry year off with your church family on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. There are many reasons to come!

- ✓ Our new year of educational ministry for children and students begins, including KidVenture, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
- ✓ Our music ministries resume.
- ✓ Confirmation class begins.
- ✓ A free outdoor lunch for the whole family.
- ✓ Signups for small groups begin.
- ✓ Most of all, worship with our church family as we start off the fall season right....with God!

**Plan now to be at Trinity on Rally Weekend!**



## Rally Day Community Lunch

- Who: Everyone!
- When: Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- What: Food, Fun, Fellowship
- Where: In the driveway between the church office and the main church building
- Bring: A salad or dessert to share – We'll provide burgers, hotdogs & drinks  
If your dish needs refrigeration during worship service, take it to Starr Hall where refrigerator space will be available.

## **2018 Confirmation Class Begins September 10<sup>th</sup>**

All students in grades eight and above are invited to participate in this year's Confirmation Class that begins on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Led by John and Jenny Forestiere and a faithful team of volunteers, students will have an amazing year of spiritual growth and learning in preparation for their confirmation next June.

It's very important for students to fully participate, so if you have a student or know of one in grade eight and above, be sure to encourage him or her to sign up by calling the church office.

## **Trinity's English and Spanish Classes Resume**

Trinity will launch its 11<sup>th</sup> year of free English (ESL) and Spanish (SSL) classes on Saturday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>** with registration at 8 a.m.

Spanish classes for speakers of other languages will meet on Saturdays, 8 – 9:30 a.m. English classes for speakers of other languages will meet 9:30 – 11 a.m. Trinity adults, along with teenage volunteers, provide free childcare for the children of adult students during class times. We welcome children of all ages.

**All classes and childcare take place in Trinity House at 212 East Moore Street. Join us for coffee, registration and the first day of classes on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.**

## **Check Out Our New Main Church Entrance**

In late August, the trustees led the church in a major makeover project of our main side entrance by the circle. You'll see a new cross mounted in the circle, a new and widened paver sidewalk, new railings, as well as a new bench gracing our entrance. In addition, new signage on the building will indicate our main entrance and a cross and flame, the symbol of the United Methodist Church. Be sure to come and see this new and much improved entrance to the main building.

## The Bulletin Board

### **Martha Friendship Circle: September 11<sup>th</sup>**

The hazy, lazy days of summer are coming to a close and the crisp, cool days of fall will soon be upon us. So plans are being made for a very interesting and exciting season for our Circle. Our first meeting is Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in the Heritage Room at Heath Village at 2 p.m. Our good friend, Lisa Bormann Kaphan is going to join us once again with a fascinating program. She'll be talking about essential oils of biblical times. They were used for their healing properties and soothing and comforting effects. The most amazing fact is that those very oils are used today for very much the same reasons. Lisa is going to share with us the important facts about these oils and their many beneficial uses today. You'll be amazed! We'll make a body cream using these oils and you'll all have a sample to take with you. Lisa has a secret recipe to help get rid of wrinkles. Wow....we don't want to miss this! So mark your calendar and join us; bring a friend. And circle your calendar for the following meeting days: October 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss these meetings because we have some great times planned. Stay well and be happy, Ginny and Lauren. If you have any questions, call 908-852-6431.

### **Trinity UMM Fellowship Breakfast: Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

The breakfast is 8 - 9:30 a.m. in Starr Hall (7:45 a.m. coffee for early arrivals). All are welcome. On September 9<sup>th</sup>, Dan Witt and Mike Rennie will be speaking about their experiences during this year's ASP trip.

### **New Members Reception: October 15<sup>th</sup>**

The process includes a dinner on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, and on the 15<sup>th</sup>, a class at 9:15 a.m. and reception into the fellowship of the church during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. If you find Trinity is a good place for you to worship and serve, please consider joining. For more information or to join, let one of the pastors know, call the church office at 908-852-3020, or indicate your interest on the *Just Say Yes* form in the worship bulletin or on the fellowship sheet.

### **Baptism: September 24<sup>th</sup>**

The sacrament of baptism for babies, youth and adults is during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. For information, call the church office at 908-852-3020 or see the application online at our website. The next baptism will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Midnight Run: (Breakfast)</b>	<b>September 16<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Interfaith Hospitality Network:</b>	<b>September 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Safe Harbor Ministry:</b>	<b>September 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>World Communion Sunday</b>	<b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>



### **Trinity Blood Drive on September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Our congregational blood drive in cooperation with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center is on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m. – 12 noon. Please consider donating. For questions and to set up an appointment, contact Diane Bock at [roxter@comcast.net](mailto:roxter@comcast.net) or 908-797-1329.

### **Trinity's Lay Visitation Ministry Needs You!**

- Do you love people, especially seniors?
- Can you spare one hour each month?
- Do you enjoy listening?
- Do you enjoy meeting people?
- Do you like to talk on the phone?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please consider becoming a Trinity Visitor and contact Pat Bristow at 908-852-1143 for more information. We're looking for people who would like to visit our seniors or just make a phone call to brighten their day.

**A Lay Visitation orientation meeting is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. in the Rotunda.**

### **New Flag Display**

Trinity is an international church and our new flag display in Starr Hall is a lovely representation of our diverse congregation. Our flags represent each of the 28 countries in which a parishioner was born. While most of us were born in the U.S., we have many parishioners that have come from other countries. Stop by Starr Hall on Rally Weekend!



**Commitment Weekend  
November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**

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**The Sea and the Soul Women's Retreat 2017**



**September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> in Ocean Grove, N.J.**



The registration fee is \$85 (scholarships available), which includes the overnight stay, all meals and programs. A deposit in the amount of \$40 is required to hold your place. Join us and share in this spiritually growing and renewing experience. Directions and information about what to bring will be sent to all registrants. If you have any questions, please call Joanne Stiehl at 973-479-4019 or Susan Manhire at 908-852-1741.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ or Deposit Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the registration form along with your deposit to the Trinity church office. Make checks payable to TUMC, and in the memo put WGIF Retreat.



## **Fall Small Groups Begin in September!**

**Signups Begin September 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sign Up in Starr Hall or Online at [www.catchthespirit.org](http://www.catchthespirit.org)**

We're very excited about this year's offerings. Here are some of the highlights:

- ❖ 40 small groups this fall!
- ❖ Including 13 Bible studies!
- ❖ DivorceCare is new to our lineup this fall!
- ❖ GriefShare returns!
- ❖ Mom Connection returns!
- ❖ Three book groups!
- ❖ Weekly small groups for our youth!
- ❖ Building Bridges small group offered by several of our clergy!
- ❖ Many online courses offered through the Upper Room and BeADisciple, as well.

Whether you're new to small groups or a veteran, you'll want to take a look at all these opportunities that are available to you. You don't have to be a member to participate and you can bring a friend!

Check your mailbox for the *2017 Small Group Offerings Booklet*. In addition to all our small groups and educational offerings, you'll find commentary from people in the congregation about their small group experiences. If you have any questions about a small group, please contact Pastor Deb at 908-852-3020 or [ddevos@catchthespirit.org](mailto:ddevos@catchthespirit.org).

# Choirs and Praise Bands Resume Rehearsals

If you're interested in joining, call the director for more information.

## Vocal Choirs

### **Chancel Choir for adults**

Thursday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m.

Room 108

John Van Sant, director: 609-498-1768

### **Trinity Singers**

#### **for students in grades 7 – 12**

Wednesday rehearsals at 8 p.m.

Music Room

Linda Langsam, director: 908-229-1073

### **Music Makers**

#### **for students in grades 4 – 6**

Monday rehearsals at 7 p.m.

Music Room

Karen Reed, director: 908-876-4668

### **Littlest Angels**

#### **for children in grades K – 3**

Monday rehearsals at 5:30 p.m.

Music Room

Karen Reed, director: 908-876-4668

## Hand Bell Choirs

### **Brick Church Ringers for adults**

Tuesday rehearsals at 8 p.m.

Music Room

### **Agape Ringers for adults**

Thursday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m.

Music Room

### **Trinity Ringers**

#### **for students in grades 7 – 12**

Tuesday rehearsals at 7 p.m.

Music Room

### **Peace Ringers**

#### **for students in grades 3 – 6**

Thursday rehearsals at 5:30 p.m.

Music Room

Jill Fedon, director:

908-835-1491

## Singers & Instrumentalists

### **Celebration Praise Band**

Monday rehearsals at 7 p.m.

Sanctuary

Mike Galley, director: 908-979-0916

### **Saturday Night Praise Band for adult & student singers & instrumentalists**

Saturday rehearsals at 3 p.m.

Room 400

Rev. Don Gebhard, director: 908-852-3020

### **Youth Praise Band for student singers & instrumentalists in grades 7 - 12**

Thursday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m.

Room 400

Gretchen Smith, director: 201-874-0104

## Savor Suppers Resume in the Fall!



Have you enjoyed participating in a Savor Supper? Have you wanted to participate and just didn't get around to it? Well, we're looking for hostesses for the fall season. You choose the time that works for you. Together, we invite women to be a part of this wonderful experience.

Savor Suppers are opportunities for women to gather for faith-filled fellowship, a **simple** meal and rich conversation.

Something beautiful and significant happens when women gather and share something of themselves in small gatherings. It gives each one a chance to be seen, be heard and be known in ways that are sometimes hard in our world today. It gives women a chance to connect with other women at a different level than is possible in a weekend worship service. It expands and deepens women's circles of Christian fellowship, support and encouragement.

If you'd like more information or know you would like to host a Savor Supper, please contact Pastor Deb De Vos at [ddevos@catchthespirit.org](mailto:ddevos@catchthespirit.org).

## New Trinity Singers Director

We're pleased to welcome Linda Langsam to our music staff as our new director of the Trinity Singers choir. The group is for students in grades 7 – 12.

# God in Many Faces

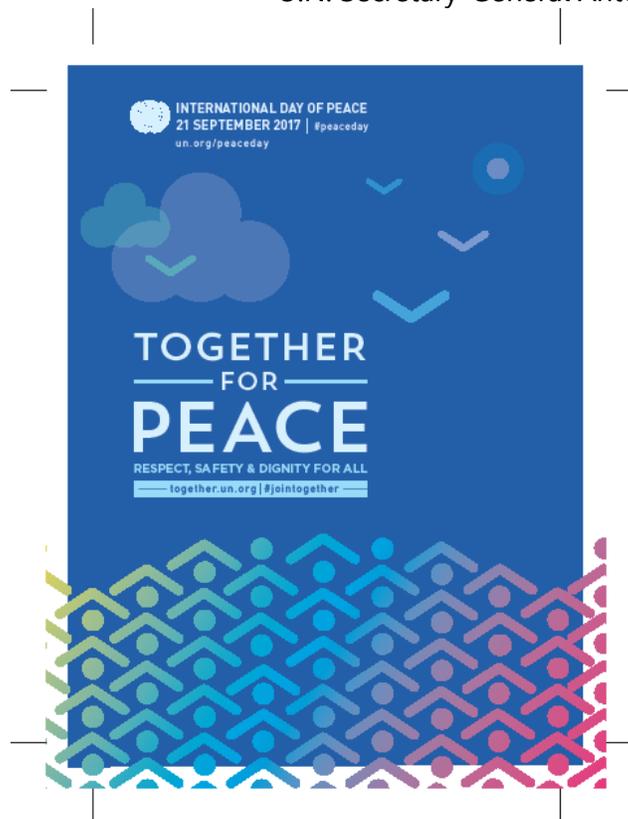
Carol Droppa

September 21<sup>st</sup> is the annual U.N. International Day of Peace. This year's theme is Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All.

The focus will be on engaging and mobilizing people to show support for refugees and migrants. The messages of the International Day of Peace will be shared with communities that are hosting refugees and migrants, as well as people who are concerned that refugees and migrants may bring physical and economic insecurity to their lives. The goal is to show the shared benefits of migration to economies and nations, while acknowledging the legitimate concerns of host communities.

"In times of insecurity, communities that look different become convenient scapegoats. We must resist cynical efforts to divide communities and portray neighbors as 'the other'. Discrimination diminishes us all. It prevents people — and societies — from achieving their full potential. Together, let us stand up against bigotry and for human rights. Together, let us build bridges together. Together, let us transform fear into hope."

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres



## **With Our Sympathy**

- ❖ David Paulussen on the death of his father
- ❖ Rich Bennett on the death of his brother, Ronald
- ❖ Robin Adames on the death of her father
- ❖ Dale Hart on the death of his brother, Bill
- ❖ Linda McClune and family on the death of her husband, Patrick

## **Trinity's Prison Ministry**

Trinity's Prison Ministry is looking for volunteers to lead a correspondence component of the ministry. This position will involve coordinating letter writing with a national organization that places volunteers together with inmates who would like to correspond. It will also involve helping new volunteers through the orientation process of how to appropriately correspond. This is Christ-centered correspondence that offers volunteers an opportunity to guide and mentor an inmate. Each volunteer's identity is kept confidential when corresponding. We're also looking for a volunteer to lead a backpack component of the ministry. This involves organizing volunteers to assemble a small bag of supplies and a bible for newly-released inmates. It will also involve coordinating with another church ministry to deliver the backpacks.

Presently, we do not have capacity for additional in-prison volunteers, although more opportunities may arise at Northern State Prison in the future. We're looking for volunteers to organize in-jail ministry for either men or women.

**We'll be holding an organizational meeting on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Trinity House.** Anyone interested in actively participating in prison ministry should attend.

## **Haiti Mission Information Meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>**

If you're interested in knowing more about our upcoming mission trip to Haiti in January, 2018, there will be an information meeting on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. in the Rotunda.

## **UMM Matters**

Bill Blaskopf

Trinity's United Methodist Men sponsored two very successful family outings during the summer. On Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 34 people attended the Sussex County Miners baseball game against an All-Star team from the Dominican Republic. The weather was beautiful and the Miners won. On Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 29 members of Trinity Church went bowling at Oakwood Bowl in Washington. Bowlers ranged in age from three to over 70.

Our monthly breakfasts start again on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The breakfasts are open to all, male or female, young or not so young. This month, Dan Witt and Mike Rennie will be speaking about their experiences during this year's ASP trip. It should be a very informative presentation. The breakfast always starts with coffee at 7:45 a.m. and ends no later than 9:30.

Long term, please plan now to attend the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 breakfast. Bishop John Schol will be speaking. Currently, the plans call for that breakfast to be held in the Dining Room on the Centenary University campus.

## **Thank You!**

Our families would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Trinity family for all of their love, support and work during Brad's illness, funeral service and the luncheon after. The loving hands and words expressed were a tremendous support to all of us.

Blessings, The Applegate, Theys and Reynolds families

## **Rally Weekend**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Join Us and Bring a Friend!**

## Creation Care

Carol Droppa

As one of the members of Trinity's planning and implementation team for our Creation Care ministry, I'm sometimes drawn into a discussion of why we began this effort. But whether you see us as tree-hugging members of the Johnny Appleseed Club or as Christians embarking on a mission that's long overdue, I think we can agree that God has some things to say about the world he created and us in it.

Many of us are at least familiar with the creation verses in Genesis, and know that God gave humans dominion over the world and its creatures. Hopefully, we understand that means being good stewards of our natural resources and being mindful of what we now call eco-justice or equitable sharing of energy, water and land resources. But I'd like to look at a lesser-known passage in Leviticus 25: 23, 24.

The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. Throughout the country that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.

These verses refer to the Year of Jubilee, an event that took place for the ancient Hebrews every 50 years and land that had been sold by its original owners and had to be returned to them during Jubilee. I chose them because I'm drawn to two ideas. The land belongs to God, not us. We're tenants. And I'm thinking about some of the meanings of the word "redeem": 1) to free from what harms or distresses, 2) to help overcome something detrimental, 3) to change for the better, and 4) to repair or restore.

I think these concepts are essential to understanding creation care and what we're called to do. The earth isn't ours to desecrate and destroy, to plunder in a self-serving way and always for financial gain. The minority rich and powerful truly don't own the world's natural resources they consume at the expense of the majority who often go without. The creatures and plants that depend on us for survival are fellow tenants. The very air we breathe is loaned to us by God. And as recipients of the greatest act of redemption, how can we dare to refuse to redeem? To change for the better, to restore what's been damaged, to help free our fellow citizens from the harm of environmental deprivation and exploitation? I hope you agree with me that we must at least try in whatever ways we can in the time given to us.

In a time of ever-growing concern about global environmental issues, I encourage you to consider, in this new church season, joining our Creation Care Ministry and making a difference in Trinity and our communities.

## Jr. Prayer Shawl Group



**Attention Jr. Prayer Shawl small group members *AND* all who are interested in attending this small group fellowship ministry for kids, eight years old and older, who like to knit or crochet *OR* who want to learn to knit or crochet:**

Our first fall meeting will be on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in Room 104. Please note that the Jr. Prayer Shawl meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Huff, Mrs. Tuxhorn and Mrs. Neumann are looking forward to seeing you on September 13<sup>th</sup>, along with any projects that you've been working on over the summer! If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Thorp at [gthorp@catchthespirit.org](mailto:gthorp@catchthespirit.org) or 908-852-3020, ext. 16.

## Family Ministry Small Groups

Monday Sept. 18	<b>High School Fellowship</b> Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays	7 – 8:30 p.m. Pami residence
Wednesday Sept. 13, 27	<b>High School Girls Group (Grades 9 – 12)</b> Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays	TBD Upper Room
Wednesday Sept. 13, 27	<b>High School Boys Group (Grades 9 – 12)</b> Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays	6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Varies
Wednesday Sept. 13	<b>Jr. Prayer Shawl Small Group (Ages 8 &amp; older)</b> Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month	4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Room 104

## **KidVenture and Church School**

The kick-off for the 2017/2018 school year is on Rally Day, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Children and students through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade can register for KidVenture or church school beginning at 8:45 a.m. Classes start at 9:15 and last until 10:15. Backpacks will also be blessed that day during the morning services, so bring them along if your child would like to have his or her pack blessed. Also, following the 10:45 service, there will be a community brunch. This is a great time to catch up with your Trinity family that you may not have seen all summer and also meet some new friends! Please reach out to Danielle Witt, Director of Children's Ministry, at [dwitt@catchthespirit.org](mailto:dwitt@catchthespirit.org) or 570-977-5050 if you have questions.

If you're NEW to Trinity, never registered your child for church school OR have updated information to share, please stop at the Registration Tent, which will be located on the lawn beside the back parking lot (in case of inclement weather, come to Starr Hall), to complete a Church School Registration Form. Prior to Rally Day, you can complete the registration form by downloading it from Trinity's website at [www.catchthespirit.org/childrens-ministry](http://www.catchthespirit.org/childrens-ministry). Drop off the completed form at the Registration Tent.

## **Bible Sunday on September 24<sup>th</sup>**

During the 10:45 a.m. service on September 24<sup>th</sup>, our third and eighth graders will receive their Bibles. This is a special service, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend if you have a child in one of those grades. More information will go out to families about Bible Sunday. Reach out to Danielle Witt, Director of Children's Ministry, at [dwitt@catchthespirit.org](mailto:dwitt@catchthespirit.org) or 570-977-5050 if you have questions.

## **Looking Ahead**

- October 1<sup>st</sup>                      During the KidVenture hour (9:15 Sunday mornings), the third graders will have their first "Bible Blast" session as they begin to learn the word of Jesus Christ throughout the year using their new Bibles.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>                      The first Christmas Pageant rehearsal will be 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Participation in the pageant is open to all children in the 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grades. More information will follow. Contact Danielle Witt for any questions or more information at [dwitt@catchthespirit.org](mailto:dwitt@catchthespirit.org) or 570-977-5050.



What a week we had at our **Maker Fun Factory** VBS! Throughout the week, 150 children participated in games, crafts, songs and other activities led by 97 youth (grades 5-12) and 44 adult volunteers. Together we learned that:

**God made us.  
God is for us.  
God is always with us.  
God will always love us.  
And God made us for a reason.**



***WOW GOD!***

We also learned that if everyone contributes a little, we can help many in need.

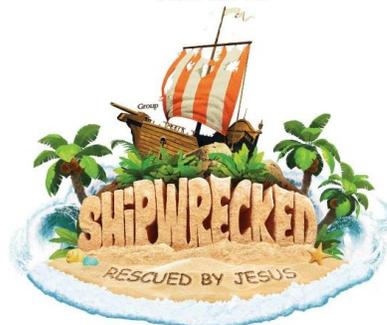
- In our neighborhood with **386 school supplies** for Hackettstown students.
- In our town with **254 items of food** for the Lord's Pantry.
- In our state with **25 packs of diapers & 52 containers of wipes** for families of IHN.
- In our country with **252 pairs of socks** for the homeless in New York City, Philadelphia & Washington DC.
- And around the world with **77 first-aid items** for Peru and the Dominican Republic, and **\$714.27** for Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti, to which the congregation then added **\$1,646.06** for a total of **\$2,360.33!!**

***WOW GOD!***

A huge **thank you** to all the volunteers who helped with planning, cutting, assembling, decorating, leading, clean up, Family Fun night, Sunday's kick-off lunch, Friday's celebration lunch, packing up missions and tear down. Your enthusiasm and generosity of time is witness to God's love pouring out at Trinity.

*We can't wait to see everyone next year...*

***VBS 2018***



***JULY 23rd—28th***

## Greetings Ministry

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, as on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, the Greetings Ministry table will be in Starr Hall. We have cards, envelopes, stamps and the names of people who need a friendly, caring greeting from Trinity Church. All YOU need to do is just sit down for a few minutes after whatever service you attend and write a note of care, compassion and hope. If you know someone who would enjoy receiving a greeting from Trinity, write a note at the Greetings table. We also want to send mail to service men and women to let them know we remember. Send name and current mailing address for any military folks to Edna Barrier at [nebarrier@aol.com](mailto:nebarrier@aol.com) or Sue Bernard at [bernards1963@aol.com](mailto:bernards1963@aol.com).

## The Lord's Pantry

Kellie Pennington

It's hard to believe that it's already that time of year when we begin to make our holiday preparations at the Pantry. We will again be distributing Thanksgiving food baskets, and anticipate that the need for these meals will continue to be high this year. Please keep an eye out for future details about our annual Congregational Food Drive, which will occur a few weeks before Thanksgiving. Also, now would be a great time to begin planning holiday food drives at your business, school, organization, scout troop or club.

We need your help here at the Pantry. While the number of people that come to us for food has finally reached a plateau, we have noticed that donations have been incredibly low and continue to decrease. This includes donations of both funds and food. Although the economy in general seems to be improving, we're still serving an average of 1,200 people every month. Because of donations steadily decreasing, it's getting more and more difficult to keep our shelves stocked with a good variety of foods for our clients. Please consider making a donation of food or funds to the Pantry to help us serve our community. Any and all donations are truly appreciated and help someone in the Hackettstown area. Thank you for continuing to support our ministry.

In June, we served 1,178 people (399 families): 360 children, 699 adults, 119 seniors. In July, we served 1,193 people (400 families – 23 new): 377 children, 692 adults, 124 seniors.

**Donate to the Pantry on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,  
9 a.m. – 12 noon, or take donations to the church office when it's open.**



## **Fall Day Apart**

Join us as we create some space for quiet reflection and prayer. We'll have the opportunity to worship, engage in spiritual disciplines and have some quiet time alone and together. We'll provide guidance for the day. Lunch and refreshments are included. If you can only come for part of the day, you're welcome.

**November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
**Location to be determined.**

To sign up, please contact Pastor Deb at [ddevos@catchthespirit.org](mailto:ddevos@catchthespirit.org) or 908-852-3020.

**By including Trinity in your last will and testament, you can make a significant and lasting difference in the life of your church. Such funds are urgently needed for the large projects of the church. Or they can be designated to particular causes determined by the donor.**

**It's a simple matter of adding a codicil to your existing will or to include Trinity in a will you're creating (and everyone should have such a will). If you need a reference to an attorney who can assist you, please speak with Dr. Frank Fowler.**

## Missions

### **Midnight Run**

The team travels to New York City to distribute food, clothing and toiletries to the homeless in several designated locations. Donate large or extra-large men's jeans, coats, hooded sweatshirts, shirts, gloves and jackets; blankets and wash cloths; men's shoes (all sizes, esp. 10 - 12); new men's underwear and socks; travel-sized shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, disposable razors, shaving cream and deodorant; tote bags; gallon-sized Ziploc® bags. Monetary donations accepted. Charlie Mule' ([rivendellatlv@earthlink.net](mailto:rivendellatlv@earthlink.net)).

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network**

Our guests are Warren County homeless in the process of seeking a place to live. We need people to help set up and break down, make meals and act as hosts. Hosting shifts are 5 – 9 p.m. and overnight at the church, 9 p.m. – 6:30 a.m. If you're a new host, we'll give you a short training session and you'll be paired with a veteran host. There's always two people hosting at a time. Mary Kashmanian (908-684-5362); Carol Munro (908-892-6536); Linda Gonia for food donations (908-813-3865).

### **The Thrift Shop**

Donate clothes and household items in good condition. Hours for shopping are Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m. Donations can be dropped off Tuesday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Barn.

### **Coupons for Community**

The Lord's Pantry uses coupons from weekly newspaper fliers and magazines to help purchase much-needed items, including many that are free. One coupon from a weekly flier can translate into hundreds of items if enough folks bring it in. Place your unused coupons in the marked boxes located in the Rotunda, Trinity House and the Pantry.

### **Safe Harbor Ministry**

The fourth Saturday of every month, we take a meal to residents of a homeless shelter in Easton, PA. We meet at Trinity's kitchen at 3 p.m., prepare the meal, depart for Safe Harbor at 5, serve dinner and eat with the residents, and then depart for home by 7 p.m. The cost is a share of the dinner expenses, depending on how many adults participate in the trip. Children are welcome to come with their parents. Sarah Hergert (908-850-1458).

### **Military Prayer & Care Ministry**

The ministry accepts names and addresses of servicemen and women to whom they can send care packages. Please call to provide names and to find out what items are needed. Harry & Lauren Mount (908-459-5493).

### **Bread of Life Mission**

Students in grades 6 – 12, their friends and families go to Newton to serve the homeless a meal. Cheryl Pami (732-735-0916 or [cpami@catchthespirit.org](mailto:cpami@catchthespirit.org)).

### **Trinity's Prison Ministry**

**In-Prison Ministry:** We offer 12-week classes at Northern State Prison, a men's institution. **Backpack Ministry:** Released prisoners often possess very little other than the clothes on their back. This ministry provides a few days' worth of essential items, including toiletries, clothing, food and a bible.

**Correspondence Ministry:** Correspond with an inmate who's seeking to know Christ. Contact Peter Smith at [psmithtrc@gmail.com](mailto:psmithtrc@gmail.com).

## The View from Here

Transition. The dictionary defines it as a passing from one condition, form, stage, activity or place to another, and the period of time for such a passage. I always like to look at nearby words to see if anything else joggles my mental doorbell. I see transitory — of a passing nature; not enduring or permanent. And there's translate — to change into another medium or form. I'm throwing translucent into the mix also: to shine through.

All are linked by the prefix "trans" which embodies the sense of movement and transcendence. This is much on my mind these days because my life is all about passage and change. About departing and arriving, or at the very least, the attempt at such endeavors. And although I'm seriously assembling some lumber on this structure of change for myself right now, I've also consistently thought that most of us are shifting and altering, even if we're not always aware of the movement. And that's not a bad thing.

Because transition can imply growth. It can hold the sense of making a journey that discloses new views and opens up new spaces that we haven't seen or experienced before. To be sure, change may also imply challenge and growing pains. Whether we ultimately deem the discomfort to be worthwhile remains to be seen as we test the new waters and our resolve.

That so much of life is transitory doesn't come as a surprise. It's a tricky business, though, because some things we loathe to see change when we want them to remain as they are, and some things we're very happy to know won't last forever or even an hour.

We're likely to admit that we're pretty efficient translators, too. Aren't we always absorbing information and then putting our own mental spin on the data?

So what does this rambling have to do with anything? Maybe for all of us as we move into a new season of church life and the unfolding liturgical year, we can embrace the opportunities, spiritual adventures and calls to service that lay before us. We can translate the abilities, strengths and longings that are housed in each one of us into making a difference in a world that desperately needs difference-makers, into taking on the work that needs to be done and into shining some light through the dark places.

Be well and God bless, Carol

# Serving God with Us in September

## Chapel Ushers

Sept. 3 Pat & Dennis Huff  
 Sept. 10 TBD  
 Sept. 17 Bonnie Palma & Betty Cyphers  
 Sept. 24 Linda Feula & Sally Hahnes

## Scripture Readers – 9:15

Sept. 3 Lorry Fulton  
 Sept. 10 Jamilia Stehle  
 Sept. 17 Pastor Jenny  
 Sept. 24 Beth Galley

## Greeters - 9:15

Sept. 3 Pat Bristow  
 Sept. 10 Bob Doelfel  
 Sept. 17 TBD  
 Sept. 24 TBD

## Greeters - 10:45

Sept. 3 Jessie Gillespie, LaNelle Hoffmann, Alice Popelka, Nancy Snover  
 Sept. 10 LaNelle Hoffmann, Alice Popelka, Nancy Snover  
 Sept. 17 LaNelle Hoffmann, Sue Bernard, Alice Popelka, Nancy Snover  
 Sept. 24 LaNelle Hoffmann, Sue Bernard, Alice Popelka, Nancy Snover

## Ushers – 9:15

Sept. 3 Donna Re, Karin & Mike Rennie, Carolyn Sunday, Linda Feci, Dave Wahl, Carol Theys, Brenda Sargeant, Joann Hoff  
 Sept. 10 Donna Re, Joanne Steihl, Prince Kelvin Tetteh, Karin & Mike Rennie, Dave Wahl, Cris & Bob Hom  
 Sept. 17 Curt Peirson, Joanne Steihl, Prince Kelvin Tettah, Carolyn Sunday, Dave Wahl, Christina Gleason, Doug Powell, Emily Palmieri  
 Sept. 24 Curt Peirson, Prince Kelvin Tettah, Linda Feci, Dave Wahl, Sharon Roff, Emily Palmieri, Gary Droppa, Doug Powell

## Ushers – 10:45

Sept. 3 Carol Munro, Pat Mullen, Kathryn Twaddell, Gean Gallagher, Hank Snover, Nancy Snover, Bill Blaine, Jeff Deible, Sr., Dan Fiedler, Joan Crouse, Nancy Soleau  
 Sept. 10 John Torkos, Pat Mullen, Kathryn Twaddell, Gean Gallagher, Bill Blaine, Hank Snover, Nancy Snover, Jeff Deible, Sr., Joan Roehrich, Joan Crouse  
 Sept. 17 Cindy Munley, Pat Mullen, Gean Gallagher, Bill Blaine, Vernon Kilkenny, Joan Roehrich, Joan Crouse, Hank Snover, Nancy Snover  
 Sept. 24 John Torkos, Pat Mullen, Maureen Boer, Gean Gallagher, Hank Snover, Bill Blaine, Joan Roehrich, Joan Crouse, Nancy Soleau

## Welcome Center – 9:15

Sept. 3 Marie Cenopht  
 Sept. 10 Roseann & Frank Cavallaro  
 Sept. 17 Roseann & Frank Cavallaro  
 Sept. 24 Ann Jobbins

## Welcome Center – 10:45

Mike White, Cheryl Ferguson  
 Mike White, Cheryl Ferguson  
 Ellen English  
 Dottie Stearns

## Audio – 9:15

Sept. 3 Joe Racz  
 Sept. 10 Bill Anzel  
 Sept. 17 Keith Ryan  
 Sept. 24 Bill Anzel

## Audio – 10:45

Janice Paulussen  
 Lori DeLorenzo  
 Steve Blazier  
 Janice Paulussen

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If you think this ministry is possibly for you, contact me and let's talk.

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